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Subject:Dept. of Finance - Request for a Call with FC

Key points from this morning's meeting with DoF:

Department of Finance is being asked to examine ways to include amendments in legislation to help cut out the funding to the leaders (or principal companies / entities) behind the Freedom Convoy movement (order the banks to prevent the flow of funds). The main objective is to prevent these main principals in using the Canadian financial system to this end; this includes the potential of freezing assets.

DoF has engaged various partners to determine which agency can help with the identification of potential targets (including tracking of accounts). Engagement lead to RCMP, hence the consultation.

In addition to inquiring about target identification capabilities, our insights or red flags, DoF also inquired about what policy amendments would be required for the RCMP to assist with the ultimate objective.

In addition to the current events in Ottawa, Calgary and Vancouver DoF is also concerned about the events occurring at the Ambassador bridge, which to their account are having a growing negative economic impact for Canada.

From an RCMP point of view DoF was informed that:

- Federal Policing FC is currently monitoring the situation in close consultation with FPNS, since this matter is presently a Police of Jurisdiction (PoJ) issue. Should PoJ require assistance, it would get elevated to the corresponding LE. At this stage there is no event or intelligence leading us to believe this is a Federal mandate matter (this includes NS).
- FP FC is continuously engaging with partners such as PoJ, OPP, CAFC, FINTRAC, private partners, regarding this matter.
- RCMP, and LE, are bound to current laws tied to criminal offences. Once a offence is identified, LE will be able to work within the construct of those laws to prevent/disrupt criminal activities. This includes the sharing of information with private sector to assist with the cutting of funding.
- DoF asked whether there were any information sharing barriers for RCMP/LE to share information with private institutions to assist in this disruption. Notion of consistent use of information was discussed, which allows police-to-police information sharing in the pursuance of the enforcement of the law. We advised we can/do share information with FIs on trends, patterns and typologies, however, freely sharing of personal information (without court orders) is not a common practice.
- We indicated that if a legislative amendment is written by DoF, it should be applicable / enforceable by all LE in Canada and not solely the RCMP.

Points for Further Consideration/Internal Discussion:

Democratic rights – over reach?

Change in privacy laws?

Would the FI's even entertain this?

PPSC / Provincial Crown – Consultation?

On the call: DoF – DG Julien Brazeau, DG Richard Bilodeau, Sarah MacDonald. FP FC: Myself, Supt. Denis Beaudoin and Strat Advisor Fran Chaves.

Best,

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